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International Safety Management (ISM) Code Deadline Approaching

On **July 1, 2002**, the provisions of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code will enter into force for freight vessels greater than 500 GT. This means that the companies responsible for the ship's operation will be required to have a Safety Management System on board their ships. Evidence of compliance with the ISM Code will be in the form of a Document of Compliance (DOC) issued to the company responsible for the ship's operation and a Safety Management Certificate (SMC) issued to the ship certifying that the company's Safety Management System has been properly implemented on board.

All ISM non-compliant vessels will be denied entry to U.S. ports after the deadline .

ISM certification information must be submitted with the 96-hour Advance Notice of Arrival to the National Vessel Movement Center. This requirement is outlined in 33 CFR 160.208. More information concerning this rule can be found at <http://dms.dot.gov> under docket number 10689. Vessels found lacking present ISM Code certification will be tracked in the U.S. Coast Guard's computer database and the information shared with other Port State Control (PSC) authorities.

For questions or comments concerning this matter, please contact Lieutenant Bill Weinbecker at (904) 232-2640 ext. 140 at the Coast Guard Marine Safety Office Jacksonville.

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